



# 31st N.C. Mine Safety and Health Conference

**Presented by**  
N.C. Department of Labor  
Mine and Quarry Bureau

**Location: The Speedway Club**  
Lowes Motor Speedway, Concord

**Date:** April 9 – 10, 2008

**Theme:** “Safety – Good As Gold”

**Registration:** \$150 per person must be completed by **March 31, 2008**, includes field trip to Reed Gold Mine and lunch on Wednesday, April 9, breakfast and lunch on Thursday, April 10, and refreshment breaks. On-site registration \$180 per person.

**Lodging Information:** See below

**Possible Golf Tournament:** Tuesday, April 8: call Mark Koone at (828) 287-3333 or e-mail as soon as possible to: [markk@tcontractors.com](mailto:markk@tcontractors.com)

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## Accommodations in the Concord Area

All attendees are required to make their own lodging arrangements. There are numerous motel and hotel facilities along Speedway Blvd. that are within about 1 to 1½ miles of Lowes Motor Speedway. Some of these are listed below. When making your reservations, please mention the group name of “NC Mine Safety Conference” and notice the cut-off dates of the group rates.

1. **Sleep Inn and Suites** (704) 979-8800  
7821 Gateway Lane, Concord, NC 28027  
**\$63.75** plus 11.75% tax; Cut-off Date: **March 25, 2008**
2. **Wingate Inn** (704) 979-1300  
7841 Gateway Lane NW, Concord, NC 28027 (managers reception nightly)  
**\$89.00** plus 11.75% tax; Cut-off Date: **March 8, 2008**
3. **Hampton Inn Suites Speedway** (704) 979-5700  
9850 Weddington Rd Ext, Concord, NC 28027  
**\$91.00** plus 11.75% tax; Cut-off Date: **March 11, 2008**
4. **Comfort Suites** (704) 979-3800  
7800 Gateway Lane NW, Concord, NC 28027  
**\$79.99** plus 11.75% tax; Cut-off Date: **March 26, 2008**
5. **Holiday Inn Express** (704) 979-7900  
7772 Gateway Lane, Concord, NC 28027  
**\$89.95** plus 11.75% tax; Cut-off Date: **March 8, 2008**



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**“Draft Agenda – subject to change”**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

William W. Gerringer, Chief  
Mine & Quarry Bureau

Pat Heiss, Director of Special Events  
The Speedway Club @ Lowes Motor Speedway

Cherie K. Berry, Commissioner  
NC DOL

**MSHA Issues/Initiatives**

Jeffrey A. Duncan, Director of Educational And Policy  
USDOL/MSHA

**“Leading Responsibly”**

Anne Kelhart, Director of Safety & Human Resources  
Martin Stone Quarries, PA

**“History of Reed Gold Mine”**

Sharon Robinson, Manager  
Reed Gold Mine

***FIELD TRIP TO REED GOLD MINE – Underground Mine Tour***

**“Risk at What Price”**

Steve Sandbrook, CMSP, President  
Eagle Mine Safety

**“Our Road Ahead”**

C. Howard (Ward) Nye, President and Chief Operating Officer  
Martin Marietta Materials

**“Conspicuity”**

W. Ben Hart, CMSP, Manager  
Florida Mine Safety Training Program

**“Work Injury Prevention and Management In Mining”**

Susan E. Barbee, Sales Executive/Human Resources Specialist  
Ralph Whitehurst Insurance Agency, Inc.

**“Fire Extinguisher Training Presentation”**

Rex Rouse, President  
Safe Steps Training

**“Conference Wrap-up/Closing Remarks”**

Jay Stem, Executive Director  
N.C. Aggregates Association